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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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TITLE: TO INVESTIGATE THE POTENTIAL OF USING BEETLE ODOURS  
TO DETER SLUGS IN VINING PEAS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment accompanying a new patent application being filed simultaneously herewith.

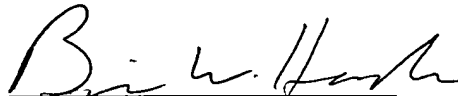
**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace the claims with the attached amended claims.

**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to reduce the number of independent claims, and to correct minor informalities. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,



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